

The Protected By Allah

*Inspector Layth*

1 + 1 = ?

One + One

**In the name of of Allah  
the Merciful**

**...Inspector Layth...  
one + one**

**By:  
The Protected by Allah**

- Happy feast, sir!
- And yours too!

The inspector took his things going out of the office for the feast holiday, but when he opened the door, he found a woman carrying a child in front of him.. While he looked away from her, she said to him:

- Is Inspector Layth here?
- Yes, he is.

The woman looked behind the inspector and said:

- Will you let me in?

The inspector moved away, the woman entered with her two children, heading to the assistant Sam.

One of the two children was in her hands and the other, about ten years old, was following her. As for the inspector, he stood looking at the news.. The woman said to the assistant:

- Good evening, Inspector. I am Mary Lock. You sure remember me...

The assistant lifted his eyes from writing as she added:

- I still assure you that Alex is innocent.. It is unreasonable to imprison an innocent person for twenty years unjustly.. This is not permissible.. Only months have passed. However, my condition and the condition of these two children is getting worse.. We cannot live without him.. Allah knows how much we need him.. believe me, he is innocent..innocent!

Her voice began to cry while the child began to slander:

- Bring back my father... Bring back my father!

The assistant finally answered:

- This talking does not help.. All the evidence points to the contrary, and the judge's ruling has been passed.. The real injustice is that your husband is not punished after the crime he



committed!

Before the woman could say anything, the inspector had sat down again and said to the assistant:

- What's the matter, assistant?

The woman came up and said to the inspector:

- Y.. You're the inspector?!...but this man is who investigated our case!

The assistant said:

- I am the deputy and assistant of Inspector Laith, not the Inspector... Since that time I have been trying to explain to you!

- Oh sorry.. I don't understand about you.. but why didn't you come yourself, Inspector?

- The inspector, madam, was in the hospital at that time.

The assistant gave the case file to the inspector, saying:

- You saw it and signed it yourself.

- True, but I relied on your report since I was

unable to verify myself.

The inspector quickly looked at the file and said:

- Now, I will listen to you.. Please, sit down and tell me what happened as you saw.

The woman sat down and gave the child to his older brother to gather her thoughts. Then she closed her eyes and said:

- On that day, Mike called my husband Alex to go on a hunting trip as usual.. Mike is my husband's best friend.. Every Friday they go out together and hunt deer or birds from the mountainous area.. They were really successful.. They seemed to love each other very much!

On that Friday, Alex went out with his rifle as usual, he instructed me to prepare the pot and boil the water before his return, as he would not be late....

When the woman fell silent for a while, the inspector replied with a smile:

- It seems he didn't say 'Allah willing'.

The woman swallowed her saliva and said in amazement:

- I think so... This is the first time I've seen a policeman say this!.. I wish you are who investigated our case!

But he did not return.. Evening came, but he did not return.. The water dried up from boiling, although he did not return.. My son went out to look for him and did not find him.. So I went looking for him and asked about him without an answer.. So I decided to inform the policemen, but instead, they informed me that they arrested him, so I shouted while the policeman calmed me down and told me that this is only temporary.

- He lied to you to calm you down.

- Exactly.. and later they told me: 'Mike is hidden without a trace.. and two witnesses testify that they heard the echo of his voice screaming and crying for help from the top of the mountain, and when they arrived they found only your husband in the place, his clothes dyed with blood, now tell

us: one + one.. what is it worth?'

The inspector replied with a smile:

- Two..

The distressed appeared on the woman's face, ,  
so the inspector added fast:

- If the two are in the same process.. but if they  
are not like that, it is pointless to combine them!

Here the assistant said:

- Sir, the men and I surveyed the place inch by  
inch.. we climbed and descended, our brain  
turned around, but although, we did not find a  
trace of the man except with Alex.. we found  
with Alex all the papers of Mike and even his  
rifle.. and then one + one..what is it worth?

The inspector replied:

- Two!

Then the inspector added:

- I like this 'one + one' case, and the best part is  
that I'm good at math!

The inspector stood up while the woman shouted:

- No!.. Not two.. Alex is innocent.. I assure you.. Ask Alex about the matter.. Hear the story from him!

The assistant said:

- We heard it a thousand times..he knows nothing about that except that Mike was chasing a deer that jumped down the mountain, therefore he left his things with him..

But how does he hunt a deer even though his rifle was originally with Alex?.. one + one..what is it worth?

The inspector answered again:

- Two!

Woman's eloquence:

- No!!.. it is not equal to two.. Alex also said that Mike bought a new rifle on the road and therefore left the old one with him.. Alex is innocent.. is innocent.. why don't you believe that??

The woman broke down in tears, her youngest son followed her while the inspector came out from behind his desk saying:

- The only possibility that the solution may be is that we find Mike.. But as you know: the matter has certainly become more difficult months after the incident..

The woman rose with her head bowed from sadness when she stumbled and fell to the ground.. Her son helped her to stand up when she discovered that her shoes had been broken. She cried with a low voice of sadness as if another calamity had fallen on her head, then came out limp with her broken shoes while the inspector called the boy and gave him a packet of money saying:

- This is your compensation, son.

The boy's eyes smiled, then he ran to his mother while the inspector and his assistant exchanged a look before saying:

- You said: Happy feast?? I don't have a feast

-this feast- before I find this Mike!

The inspector took out his cellphone and said:

- Send me the GPS.
- But, sir..will you find this night what seven men did not find in days??..We dug up the ground and did not leave one stone upon another!
- Did you hear what I said?!
- Yes, here, right away.

The assistant took out his mobile to send the GPS annoyed while the inspector got into his car and drove off immediately, the assistant prayed and said:

- Who does he think himself?.. he will see that he can't.. or at least I hope he can't.. my Lord!.. if he finds him, I will look like an idiot!

But the inspector had arrived at the place within half an hour, he came down to watch the top of that high mountain in the light of the golden sunset.

He went over to inspect the place quickly until he stopped at the place where the two witnesses

heard the screams.. It was a place in the middle of the mountain.. there, his eyes brightened and he smiled!

Assistant Sam's eyes were completely dumbfounded as he was exclaiming the gleaming rifle that he found on Inspector Layth's desk three days later, when the feast had passed.. He muttered in despair:

- Oh my Lord.. he found him.. he found him.. how.. hooow?

It is only a matter of minutes before the inspector enters and salutes:

- Peace be upon you.. I hope ,every year, you're fine, Assistant!

- Peace be upon you.. and you are fine, sir.. I hope you had a happy feast!

- Praise be to Allah.. I am very happy that I shared my happiness with another family!

The assistant did not answer, for jealousy had gagged his mouth, while the inspector added:



- Sent to the court immediately so that we can appeal the case.. It is enough that he spent the feast in prison, in addition to those months.. How many wronged people are behind those bars!

- But... Where did you find it?... The angels brought it down to you?

The inspector burst out laughing and said:

- I wish that was the case! .. But on the contrary, I was the one who came down to him!

- You went down??..you mean he was in the bottom of the mountain?

- I only needed to stand in the place of the two witnesses to solve the case!

The assistant shook his head when he did not understand, then said:

- Excuse me, Inspector.. I do not have your intelligence.. I stood there several times, but this meant nothing to me!

The inspector smiled and said:

- It does not require intelligence at all, I

represented the case; I put myself in the exact place of the two witnesses, while I put my phone to ring in the place where Alex was when it was found.. and the incident took place!

- Well.. you are the witnesses and the phone is Mike.. so who was Alex in your act?

- Rather say: 'Who was Mike?', because Alex was the phone, so Mike was not there in the first place!

- I don't understand anything anymore!

- Of course, because you were not with me and did not reach the amazing result that I reached .. When I stood there, I did not hear my phone ring at all!

- What?!..maybe he had stopped!

- No, of course I made sure that it was ringing!

- Impossible, Alex's place can be seen from the place of the two witnesses.. Maybe you missed the place!

- How can I be wrong and have already found

him??

- O.. OK, so what is the explanation for this?
- It's the mountain.
- The mountain?
- Yes, the location of the two witnesses was among the rocks so that the sound came out of it loudly while entering it low, and since the sound of my phone was low due to the height of the place, it decreased when I was in that area, as it became very difficult for humans to hear, and this means the innocence of Alex in all cases!
- But... Mike's papers and all his belongings were with Aref!... On the other hand; Do you mean that the two witnesses were lying? .. Perhaps they are the criminals and have fabricated the accusation?
- Stop these assumptions.. We have not yet proven that they are liars.. We still have another experience before that.. the stone experience!
- To throw it into the valley?
- Exactly.. here the echo echoed twice toward up

and returned to my ears, so I heard the sound as if someone had thrown the stone from the top!

- So he was actually catching a deer at the bottom of the mountain.. Of course you went down to the valley and found Mike.. I mean his skeleton..
- Indeed.. I went down to the valley after I prayed Setsun-Prayer .. the vally was not deep, so I arrived quickly and searched among the green plants here and there, then, after some trouble...
- You found Mike's rifle!
- Stop haste, Assistant.. One more word and I'll leave you!

The assistant was silent while the inspector added:

- I smelled the smell of an animal wafting around.. It was as if I was in an animal's den.. Despite my will, I began to feel fear when I heard a sound like a hum.. I remembered that Mike was calling for help and he had not returned.. Here I realized that I was in danger alone and

wanted to return, but it was too late..

The inspector drew his breath as he recalled the terrible moments, then said:

- The bear had smelled my scent and ran after me at those moments..The light fell from my hand..I tried not to seem afraid to him, as the animal tamers say, but it was useless because the sweat of fear -that had flowed from me- separated the matter between me and him, indeed it decided that I was a prey and go to me.. I mean on me..

Since I had no chance to escape in front of this monster, I drew my gun and started trying to hit him despite the darkness and to do what people do when they are afraid!

- What do they do?

- They become righteous and sincerely pray to Allah!

The assistant laughed while the inspector added with a smile:

- One.. two.. three.. but the beast is still roaring..

there is no evidence of his injury.. My Lord!.. I started to shoot the rest of my bullets in despair, imagining how it will crush me!

- Worst of all, you left your phone at the top of the mountain.

- No, I have another.. my bullets failed when it roared near me as if he stood to pounce on me while only the pistol was left in my hand, so I grabbed it and threw it with all my strength at the direction of the sound while I pray to Allah and say: "Lord, grant me life for that woman and her two children!"

Immediately the mass of fur fell on me with all its weight.. I closed my eyes waiting for the end when I started suffocating and nothing happened!

The assistant burst out laughing:

- It fell died on you?!

- I pulled myself out from under him while I was suffocating and found him silent without any

movement.. I didn't know if he was dead or in a fainting, because I had pulled out my long knife and took advantage of the opportunity completely!

I took out my other phone and turned on the light, making sure he was dead and sweating hard.. Then I wanted to run away immediately before another surprise came out, but I tripped over this!

- over the rifle?

- No, but over this!

The assistant's eyes fell on a skull on the desk, so he swallowed his saliva and said:

- I didn't... didn't... I didn't notice that Mike was here!

- The glare of the rifle took your eyes! .. This is what happened when I directed the light to the ground after I tripped; I looked at the new rifle, I examined it and found that it was of bad manufacture, as the bullets were stuck in it so that it would not be fired.. Then, after I looked closely, I saw the skull and some bones.

So one + one does not equal two; Because the first 'One' was Alex and his prey was the deer he hunted, not his friend.. And the second 'One' was Mike and he was the prey of the bear, not the prey of Alex.. Allah has mercy on his soul!

The assistant stared at the skull and said:  
- I hope every year you are fine, sir!

The inspector laughed and said:  
- And you, assistant!.. As you can see, Alex was going to spend twenty years in prison, and his children was going to spend twenty years as orphans, and perhaps poverty would make them thieves, for what?

Just for a deer and hastened thoughts!.. But things in the world do not go in vain as they seems; Allah is always watching over everything, and responding to the supplication of the oppressed!.. On the other hand: Give me the files of other cases to be reconsidered!!!

**...Thanks to Allah the Almighty...**





If you liked the novel, rate it to get more and read another novel by the writer:

